

It has come to my attention that Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary. It is also my understanding that this is being presented as a news item. Not having seen it, I can not say if it is news or political propaganda. If it is the latter, and I hope that you investigate it to make that determination, then at least it should be paid advertising.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.